

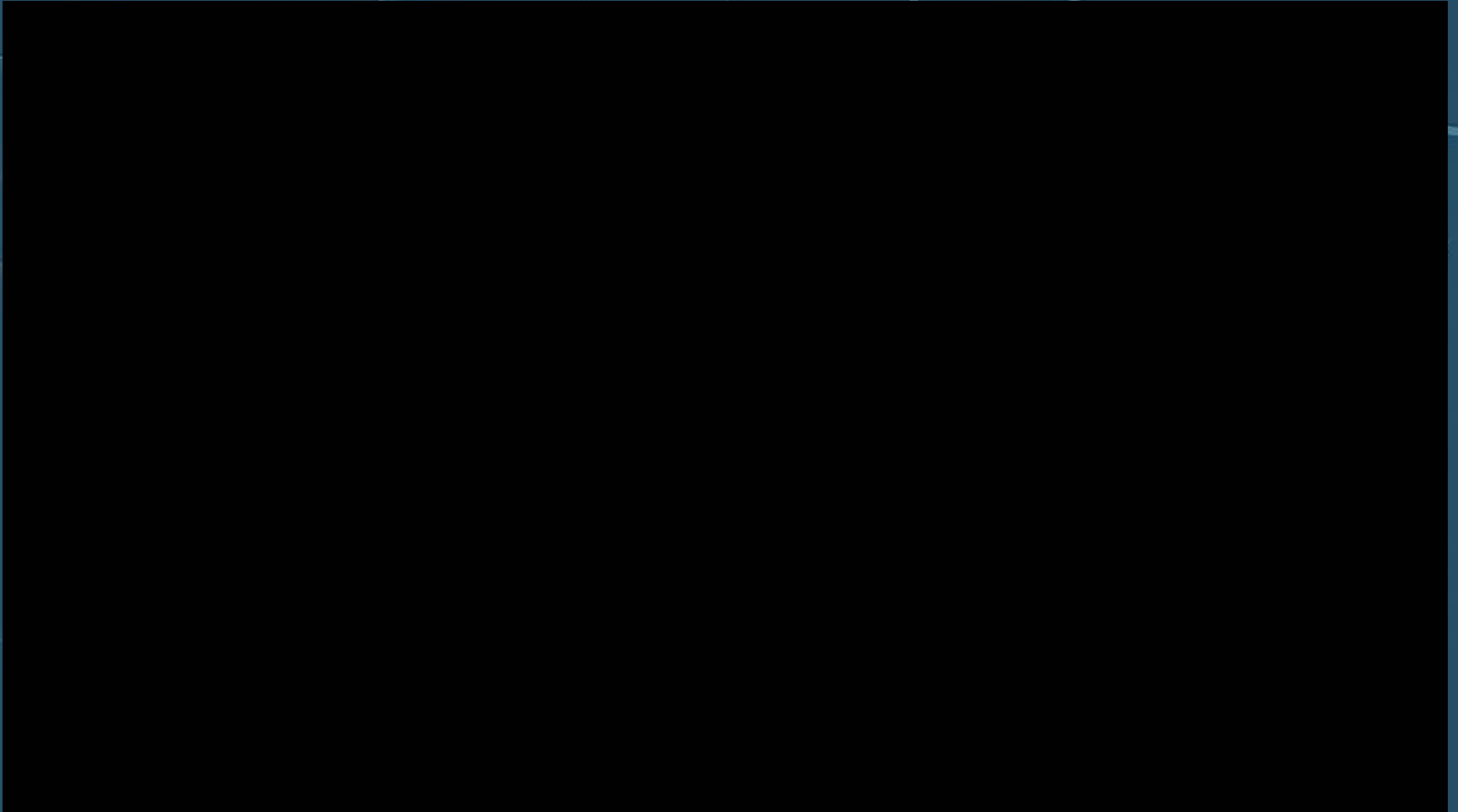


# Human Trafficking

Presented by Nevada Attorney General  
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# Video: A Survivor's Story



Source: *Not My Life*, a film comprehensively depicting the cruel and dehumanizing practices of human trafficking and modern slavery on a global scale. - See more at: <http://notmylife.org>



# What is Sex Trafficking?

**Sex trafficking** occurs when a person is induced by **force, fraud, or coercion** to engage in a commercial sex act.

- If the person induced to perform a commercial sex act is under 18, these elements are not necessary!



# What is Slave Labor?

- **Slave labor** is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of **force, fraud, or coercion** for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.



# Scope of the Problem



**27 million people worldwide are currently victims of human trafficking.**

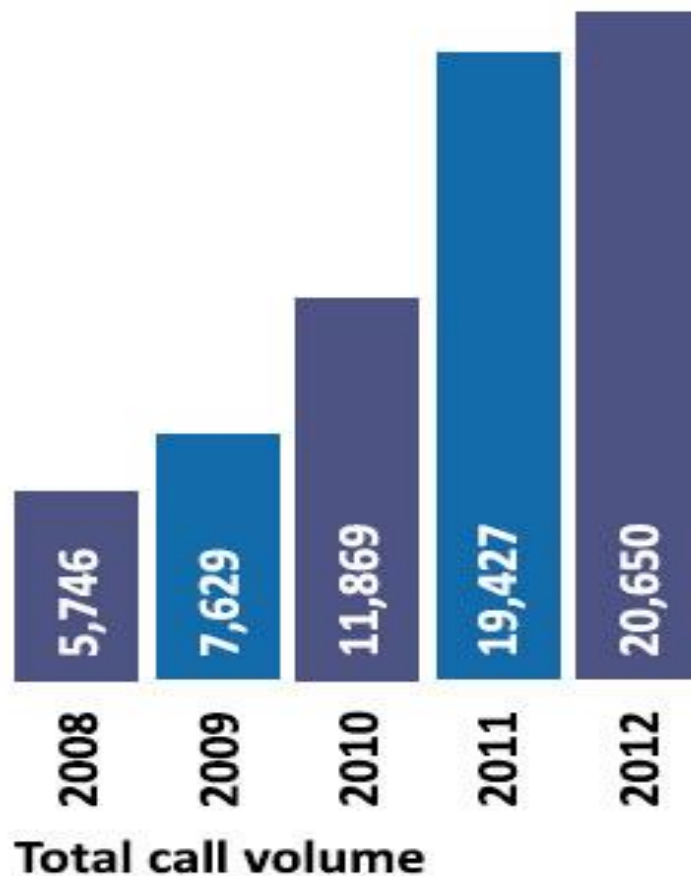
**1 million are sexually exploited children.**

**HT is a big business, generating up to \$32 billion a year in profits.**



# Human Trafficking Trends in the United States

Statistics from the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline (2007 - 2012) [polarisproject.org/traffickingtrends](http://polarisproject.org/traffickingtrends)



65,557 calls  
5,251 emails  
1,735 online tip forms

**72,543**  
total interactions



**9,298** cases of  
potential  
human  
trafficking

### Top 3 Sex Trafficking Industries

1. Pimp-controlled prostitution (hotels/motels, streets, etc)
2. Commercial-front brothels
3. Escort service/Delivery services

### Top Labor Trafficking Industries

1. Domestic labor
2. Restaurant/Food service
3. Peddling ring
4. Traveling sales crew

**41%** of sex trafficking cases and **20%** of labor trafficking cases referenced U.S. citizens as victims

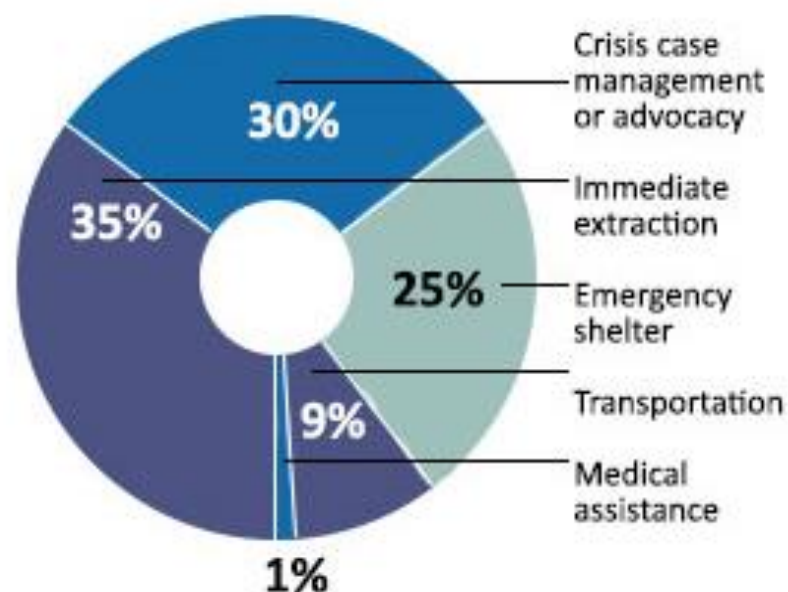


### Top 10 Child Trafficking Industries

1. Pimp-controlled prostitution
2. Peddling rings
3. Pornography
4. Escort service/Delivery service
5. Commercial-front brothel
6. Residential brothel
7. Traveling sales crew
8. Domestic work
8. Restaurant/Food service
9. Personal sexual servitude
10. Hostess/Strip club

## Services Requested by Survivors in Crisis Cases

from a total 588 cases



## Primary Language of Survivors Contacting the Hotline

1. English
2. Spanish
3. Tagalog
4. Amharic
5. Russian
6. Korean
7. Mandarin
8. Arabic
9. Portuguese
10. Cantonese

*These statistics are based on aggregate data collected from the NHTRC hotline between Dec. 7, 2007 and Dec. 31, 2012. All hotline interactions are confidential.*

Contact us: 1-888-373-7888 | Send a text: BeFree (233733)  
traffickingresourcecenter.org | nhtrc@polarisproject.org



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FOR A WORLD WITHOUT SLAVERY



# Scope of the Problem in Nevada

National Human  
Trafficking Resource  
Center Hotline  
received **897** NV  
calls since 2009.





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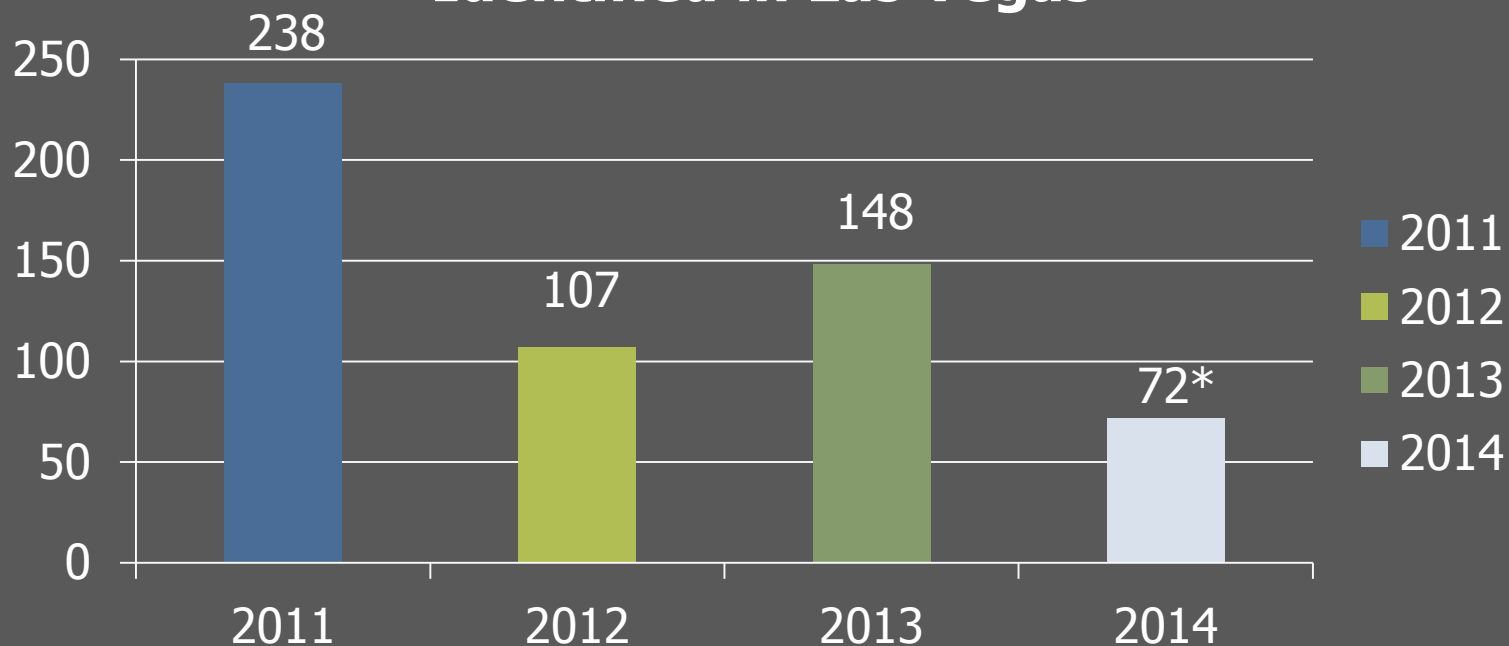
- Juveniles are the single largest demographic targeted by pimps for recruitment into the life of prostitution.





# LVMPD recovered 2,449 victims under age 18 of sex trafficking since 1994

## Child Victims of Sex Trafficking Identified in Las Vegas



\* 2014 figure is year-to-date



# Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Statistics

## ADULT VICTIMS:

- LVMPD Identified 158 adult victims of sex trafficking during 2012-2013
- Between 2008 – 2013 police investigated 510 cases involving adult victims of sex trafficking





# Why?

- Pimps and sex traffickers are skilled at manipulating victims and maintaining control through a combination of deception, lies, feigned affection, threats, and violence.
- Immaturity
- Lack of life experience
- Vulnerable



# Where are Victims Trafficked

- Large male dominated public events
- Truck stops
- Streets (high crime areas, tourist areas)
- Hotels/motels
- Internet Sites
  - Backpages.com
  - Craigslist.com



# Communications Decency Act

Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair the enforcement of section 223 or 231 of this title, chapter 71 (relating to obscenity) or 110 (relating to sexual exploitation of children) of Title 18, or any other Federal **or State** criminal statute.

**47 U.S.C. § 230**: Courts have interpreted this provision in a way that protects the owners of websites such as Backpage from criminal liability, regulation, or civil liability.



# Myredbook.com

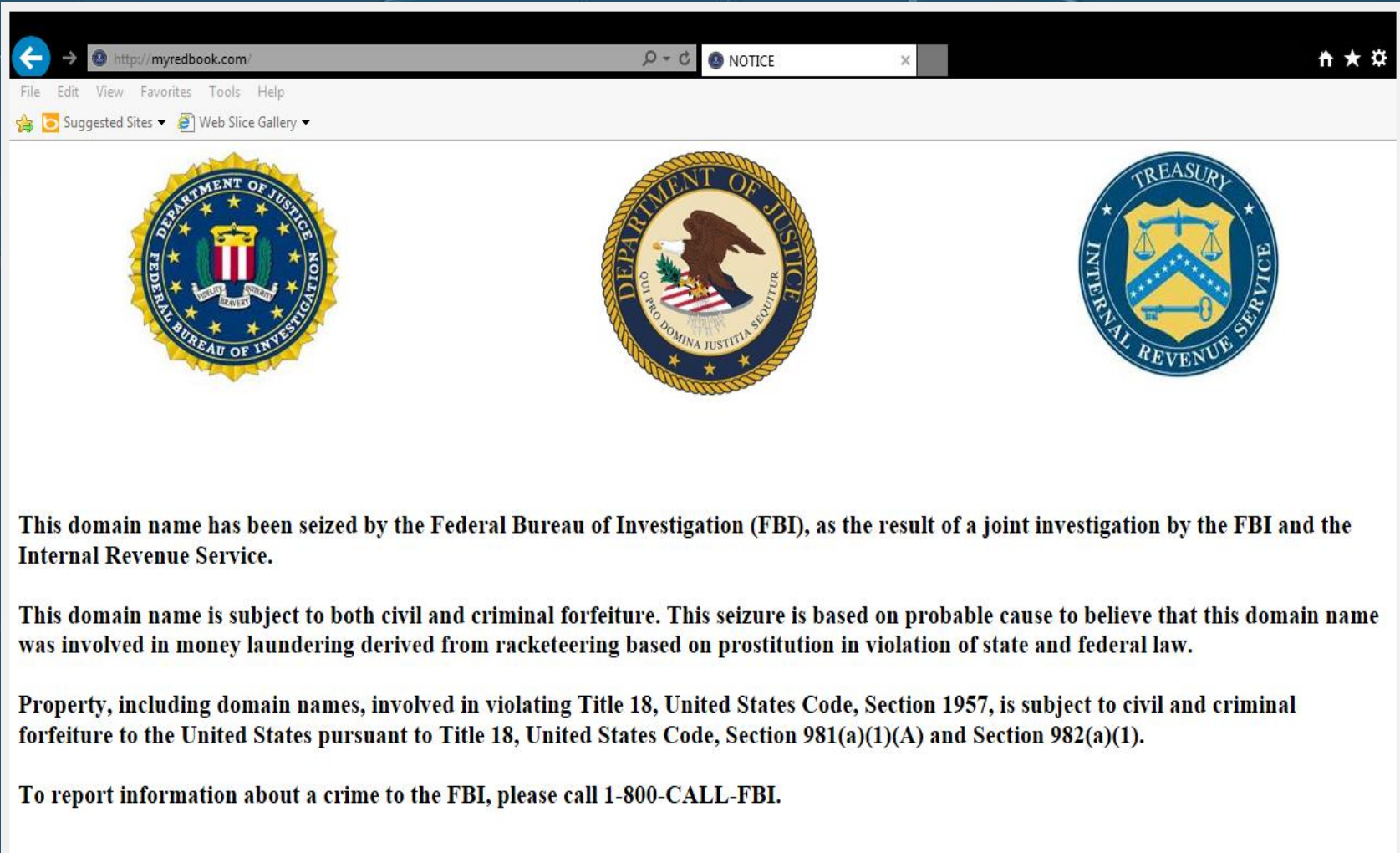
**BIG KET**

NOW AT 5:00  
**Sex Website Shutdown**

**NOW AT 5:00** **5 KPIX** 4:58 PM



# Myredbook.com shut down by FBI and IRS in June 2014






The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://myredbook.com/>. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. Below the menu bar, there are links for Suggested Sites and Web Slice Gallery. The main content area features three official seals: the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) seal on the left, the Department of Justice seal in the center, and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) seal on the right. Below the seals, a notice is displayed stating that the domain has been seized by the FBI and IRS due to a joint investigation into money laundering and prostitution. The notice also mentions civil and criminal forfeiture and provides a contact number for reporting crimes.

http://myredbook.com/ NOTICE

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Suggested Sites Web Slice Gallery



**This domain name has been seized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), as the result of a joint investigation by the FBI and the Internal Revenue Service.**

**This domain name is subject to both civil and criminal forfeiture. This seizure is based on probable cause to believe that this domain name was involved in money laundering derived from racketeering based on prostitution in violation of state and federal law.**

**Property, including domain names, involved in violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 1957, is subject to civil and criminal forfeiture to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(A) and Section 982(a)(1).**

**To report information about a crime to the FBI, please call 1-800-CALL-FBI.**

# Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act of 2014

- Allows state Attorney General's Office to sue websites which have advertised victims (i.e. Backpages, MyRedBook, Craigslist).
- Money used rehabilitate victims
- Bill has passed the House



# What are Victims Exposed to?

- Sexual Assaults – gang raped to desensitize them to acts of prostitution
- Physical and verbal abuse/intimidation
- Gang violence
- Threats of violence against family members
- Deprived of basic needs
  - Sleep    Nutrition    Medical





# Warning Signs of a Trafficked Person

- Sudden change in appearance, behavior, material possessions
- Provocative or inappropriate dress
- Drug/alcohol use
- Tattoos/ branding on the neck and/or lower back





# Examples of Tattoos





# Warning Signs of a Sex Trafficked Person

- Perception of incredibly intense or important relationship
- Showing signs of physical injuries and abuse
- Untreated sexually transmitted diseases
- Withdrawn behavior, depression, fear



# Warning Signs of a Sex Trafficked Person

- Checking into hotels/motels with older males, and referring to those males as boyfriend or “daddy,” which is often street slang for pimp
- Poor physical or dental health
- Avoiding eye contact, social interaction, and authority figures/law enforcement



# Warning Signs of a Labor Trafficked Person

- Lacking official identification documents
- Appearing destitute/lacking personal possessions
- Working excessively long hours
- Living at place of employment
- Small children serving in a family restaurant





# Warning Signs of Labor Trafficking

Not allowing victims to go into public alone, or speak for themselves

## Learn to Recognize the Signs of Human Trafficking


### Identify Human Trafficking Victims:

- Living with an employer
- Poor living conditions
- Multiple people in cramped space
- Inability to speak to individual alone
- Answers appear to be scripted and rehearsed
- Employer is holding identity documents
- Signs of physical abuse
- Submissive or fearful
- Unpaid or paid very little
- Under 18 and in prostitution

### Questions you can ask:

- Can you leave your job if you want to?
- Can you come and go as you please?
- Have you been hurt or threatened if you tried to leave?
- Has your family been threatened?
- Do you live with your employer?
- Where do you sleep and eat?
- Are you in debt to your employer?
- Do you have your passport/identification?  
Who has it?

Visit the U.S. Dept. of State website for more information: [www.state.gov/j/tip/id/index.htm](http://www.state.gov/j/tip/id/index.htm)



**The key to  
ending the  
sale of our  
children is  
collaboration.**



# Partner Organizations Against Trafficking

- **Awaken**
- **Bamboo Bridges**
- **Carson City District Attorney**
- **Center for Peace**
- **Children's Advocacy Alliance**
- **Clark County District Attorney**
- **Clark County Public Defender**
- **Congo Justice**
- **Destiny House**
- **Douglas County District Attorney**
- **Eighth Judicial District**
- **Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department**
- **MGM Resorts**
- **Nevada District Attorney's Association**
- **Nevada Prosecutors Advisory Council**
- **Nevada Resort Association**
- **Nevada Truckers Association**
- **Nevadans for the Common Good**
- **Polaris Project**
- **Purple Wings**
- **Reno Police Department**
- **Shared Hope International**
- **Sheriffs and Chiefs Association**
- **Sojourn**
- **Soroptimist International**
- **Sparks Police Department**
- **University of Nevada, Las Vegas**
- **Washoe County District Attorney**
- **Washoe County Sheriff's Office**

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# Assembly Bill 67 (AB 67)

AB 67 established the crime of sex trafficking in Nevada increased the penalties for such crimes.

(Reprinted with amendments adopted on April 17, 2013)  
FIRST REPRINT A.B. 67

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 67—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2012

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to crimes. (BDR 3-403)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets *[omitted-matter]* is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to crimes; authorizing a victim of sex trafficking, involuntary servitude or trafficking in persons to bring a civil action; amending various provisions concerning the investigation and prosecution of sex trafficking, involuntary servitude and trafficking in persons; amending various provisions concerning the crimes of pandering, sex trafficking, involuntary servitude and trafficking in persons; revising various provisions governing the penalties for pandering, sex trafficking, involuntary servitude and trafficking in persons; requiring a person convicted of sex trafficking to register as a sex offender; amending various provisions relating to victims of sex trafficking; revising provisions relating to the powers and duties of the Advocate for Missing or Exploited Children; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



# Assembly Bill 67

- Signed June 6, 2013
- Effective July 1, 2013





# Assembly Bill 67

- Creates the crime of sex trafficking in Nevada
- Increased penalties by one sentencing level
- Those convicted will register as a sex offender
  - Their assets will be seized, liquidated, and provided as relief to the victims
- Restitution is mandatory
- Preservation of Testimony
- Consent of Victim is not a Defense
- Confidentiality



# Overview of AB 67

## Penalties - Adult

If an adult woman was sold for commercial sex, the maximum penalty for the pimp would be:

### **PRIOR**

1 – 4 years or 1 – 5 years in prison, where almost all of those convicted get probations and are back out on the streets



### **NOW**

3 – 10 years in prison, with a fine of up to \$10,000



# Penalties – Our Children

If one of our children is exploited for commercial sex the penalty is **life in prison** with the possibility of parole

## **The possibility of parole varies by age of victim:**

- If the child trafficked is less than 14 years old: minimum of 15 years served
- Victim between 14-16 years old: minimum 10 years served
- Victim between 16-18 years old: minimum 5 years served





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# Overview of AB 146

- Defines physical injury, serious harm and sexual abuse
- Defines holding a minor in involuntary servitude
- Establishes the punishment:
  - Category A felony
  - Imprisonment for life with the possibility of parole
  - Eligibility for parole beginning after a minimum of 15 years of time served
  - May be fined at least \$50,000



# AB 146

- Does NOT prohibit a parent or guardian of a child from requiring his or her child to perform common household chores under the threat of the reasonable exercise of discipline



**Make Bed**





# Next Steps, 2015 Nevada Legislative Session

- Stronger penalties for second or subsequent offense of solicitation under NRS 201.354; mandatory counseling for offenders
- Sex trafficking victim sealing records
- Safe Harbor - affirmative defense or presumption that a minor who commits prostitution is a human trafficking victim; presumption if they cooperate



# Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act of 2014 (H.R. 3610/S.1733)

Requires each state (within three years) to pass laws that:

- (1) treats a minor who has engaged or attempted to engage in a commercial sex act as a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons,
- (2) discourages the charging or prosecution of such an individual for a prostitution or sex trafficking offense, and
- (3) encourages the diversion of such individual to child protection services.

# Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act of 2014

- Authorizes the Attorney General to withhold specified Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funds from a state that fails to comply with such requirement.
- House version has passed and has been received in the Senate.

# Protecting Youth At-Risk for Sex Trafficking Act of 2014, S. 1878

- Provides more resources for child victims of sex trafficking
- Currently in the Senate Finance Committee



# Sex Trafficking Solutions Summit 1.0

Over 70 leaders from various sectors gathered together to discuss ways to improve treatment of victims and promote awareness:

- Identified need for consistent assessment tools
- Identified need for on-going and consistent treatment; including provider training
- Identified gaps in data and tracking
- Identified need for on-going community awareness

**Status of Sex Trafficking in Nevada Report  
coming Fall 2014**



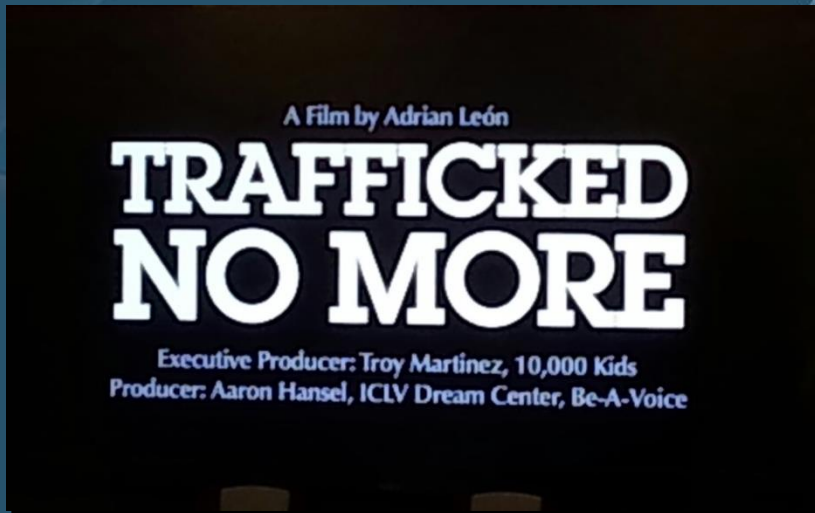


# Victims of Human Trafficking & Treatment Fund

- AB311 established the contingency account for victims of human trafficking within the State's general fund.
- Donation checks can be made out to:  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Director's Office, Attention: Fiscal Services  
4126 Technology Way, Suite 100  
Carson City, NV 89706



# Nevada Sex Trafficking Awareness Campaign





# Billboard Campaign

Placed on major roadways in Las Vegas tourist areas, and communities where trafficking may be prevalent.

Ran for 15 weeks with an estimated 1.6 million viewers each week.

Partnered with Polaris Project, LVMPD, and Clear Channel Outdoor.





# Partner Organizations Against Trafficking

## Nevada Truckers Association's Truckers Against Trafficking




**Make the Call,  
Save Lives.**


**1-888-3737-888 (US)**  
**1-800-222-TIPS (Canada)**  
[www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org](http://www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org)

**Make the Call, Save Lives.**  
**1-888-3737-888**

# Everyday Heroes Needed



Truckers are the eyes and ears of our nation's highways. Young girls forced into sexual slavery need your help. If you see a raiser working the lot or suspect pimp control, call 1-888-3737-888 and report what you know.



[www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org](http://www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org)





# Awareness Campaigns



Human Trafficking **IS** Modern Day Slavery

***Break These Chains***



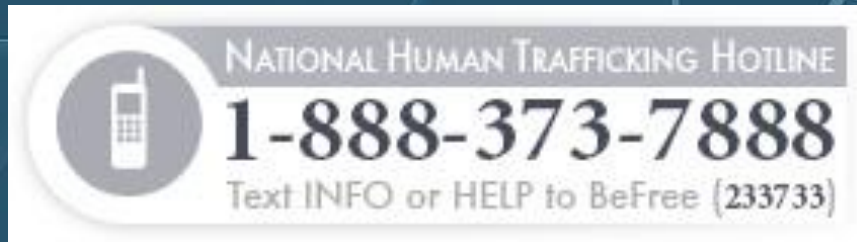
**LIVE FREE**

**NEVADANS** FOR THE COMMON GOOD





# Help for Victims



## **U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Victim Assistance Program**

**1-866-872-4973**

## **Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth**

**1-866-U-ARE-SAFE (866-827-3723)**

## **Shade Tree of Las Vegas**

**702-385-0072**

## **NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER**

The NHTRC is a **confidential, 24-hour, toll-free** hotline. Call from anywhere in the U.S. to report a tip, access resources, request training, or receive referrals.

*Interpreters available.*



**REPORT  
TRAFFICKING**



**ACCESS  
TRAININGS**



**INFORMATION  
& RESOURCES**

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# Contact the Nevada Attorney General's Office

**Bureau of Consumer Protection Hotline: 702-486-3132**

**Website:** [Ag.nv.gov](http://Ag.nv.gov)

**Email:** [aginfo@ag.nv.gov](mailto:aginfo@ag.nv.gov)



**Facebook:** [/NVAttorneyGeneral](https://www.facebook.com/NVAttorneyGeneral)



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# Question & Answer

